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Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Corrective Action Completion & Notice of Exemption Available for Public Review



Tank Farm – Chem Lab Products

A proposal to determine completion of a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action at the Chem Lab Products, Incorporated (Chem Lab) facility located in Ontario, California is open for public review and comment. Corrective action refers to the investigation and cleanup process at a hazardous waste site.

Chem Lab has been conducting the required corrective action work under Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) oversight.

This Fact Sheet Provides a Brief Summary of:

- Location and Operations at the Facility
- Corrective Action Program
- Proposed Interim Measure
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Next Steps
- Who to Contact for More Information

30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

May 16, 2011 to June 15, 2011

The proposed determination of a RCRA corrective action completion and the CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this facility are available for review and public comment. All comments must be postmarked or received no later than June 15, 2011. Please send comments to:

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Facility Location & Operation

The Chem Lab facility consists of 7.8-acre rectangular parcel of land currently used for industrial purposes. The facility is located on the south side of Airport Drive, east of Wineville Road and west of Etiwanda Avenue. Chem Lab has manufactured and packaged swimming pool chemicals and household products at the facility since the 1980s.

These chemicals are either used in the treatment of swimming pool water or as household products. The facility also manufactures, or has manufactured, pool accessories such as test kits, leaf rakes, skimmers, and tile cleaners. All products are manufactured or repackaged on site. Virgin chemicals used as raw materials in manufacturing processes and the manufactured chemical products are/were stored in tanks, drums, or small containers.

The main production and filling processes are conducted in the central and southern portion of the building. Remaining portions of the production building are used to store raw materials, packaging supplies, and major chemicals used in the production of products. Visit the information repositories or go on line to find the full list of chemicals used at the facility.

Corrective Action Program

Corrective action refers to the investigation and cleanup process at a hazardous waste sites. The mandate for corrective action at Chem Lab facility is contained in RCRA. RCRA is a federal law that regulates the use, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste. Pursuant to RCRA, (42 U.S.C. Section et seq.), interim status facilities are required to implement corrective action to address releases of hazardous wastes/substances found at the facility.

On December 9, 2004, as part of the RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA), DTSC conducted a visual inspection of the Chem Lab facility in order to ascertain the status of the solid waste management units and area of concerns (AOCs). Four (4) solid waste management units (SWMUs) and eight (8) AOCs were identified as a result of visual inspection.

The SWMUs identified were: Former Evaporation Pond (SWMU # 1), Former Drum Storage Area (SWMU #2), Wastewater Storage Tank (SWMU #3), and Main Process Sump (SWMU #4).

The AOCs identified were: (AOC #1) Floor Drain System, (AOC #2) Drum Storage Dock, (AOC #3) Railcar Storage Dock, (AOC #4) Main Process Sump Transfer Lines, (AOC #5) Run-Off Affected area, (AOC #6) Flood Control Channel, (AOC #7) Underground Storage Tanks, (AOC #8) Used Oil Storage Area.

In April 2007, Chem Lab submitted a Current Conditions Report (CCR) to DTSC for review. The purpose of this report is to describe existing information pertinent to the facility including processes, waste management, geology, hydro-geology, contamination, migration pathways, potential receptor populations and interim corrective measures.

In 2008, DTSC and Chem Lab entered into a corrective action consent agreement (CACA) to implement the corrective action program.

Based on DTSC's review of the CCR, five (5) SWMUs and three (3) AOCs were carried forward for additional investigations, specifically: SWMU #1 - Wastewater Storage Tank, SWMU #2 - Drum Storage Dock, SWMU #3 - Used Oil Storage Area, SWMU #4 - Main Process Transfer Lines and Main Process Sump, SWMU #5 - Clarifier Sump, AOC #1 - Floor Drain System, AOC #2 - Railcar Storage Loading Area, AOC #3 - Run-Off Affected Area and Flood Control Channel.

RCRA Facility Investigation

During RCRA Facility Investigations, soil sampling was conducted in the following: SWMU #1 (Wastewater Storage), SWMU #2 (Drum Storage Dock), SWMU #3 (Used Oil Storage Area), SWMU #4 (Main Process transfer Lines and Main Process Sump), SWMU #5 (Clarifier Sump), AOC #1 (Floor Drain System), AOC #2 (Railcar Storage Loading Area), AOC #3 (Run-off Affected Area and Flood Control Channel).

Soil samples collected at various depth intervals were analyzed for ph, metals, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), sulfate, chloride, and perchlorate.

Results of sampling and analyses were reported in a document entitled, "*RCRA Facility Investigation Report, Chem Lab Products, Incorporated*" dated May 11, 2010. This report revealed no significant impact from releases at any of the solid waste management units (SWMUs) or area of concerns AOCs that were investigated.

Proposed Corrective Action Completion

Based on the report of no significant impact from releases at any of the SWMUs or AOCs, DTSC is proposing a determination of "corrective action completion" at the facility.

California Environmental Quality Act

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act CEQA, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption NOE for this project. The NOE states that the proposed corrective action completion will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment because the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) did not demonstrate a significant threat to human health or the environment from releases.

Public Involvement

DTSC encourages interested community members to review the documents and submit comments during the public comment period which runs from May 16, 2011 through June 15, 2011. The draft documents are available at locations listed below. The Administrative Record for the Chem Lab facility, including the facility's environmental compliance record is available at the DTSC Regional Office in Chatsworth.

Next Steps

Before making a final decision, DTSC will consider all public comments and incorporate them into the final decision as appropriate. If approved, DTSC will issue a determination to the facility letter indicating the corrective action at the facility is complete.

Where to Find Documents

Documents related to the site are available for your review at the following locations:

Colony High Branch Library

3850 East Riverside Drive
Ontario, California 91761-2603
Phone: (909) 395-2206

Library hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

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9211 Oakdale Avenue
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Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Call (818) 717-6521 for an appointment

Documents are also available on the DTSC EnviroStor website located at:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001548, then Click ACTIVITIES.

If you have questions about the project, please contact:

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Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

All documents made available to the public by the DTSC can be made available in alternative format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Tim Chauvel for more information.

TTY/TDD/STS users dial 711 (for the California Relay Service) and ask for Jess Villamayor.

Please Note

Due to the perceived low level of public interest in this site, a public meeting has not been scheduled during the public comment period.

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